



COAT OF ARMS
FOR THE
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

BLAZON

SHIELD:

Argent, on a saltire azure two ostrich feathers in saltire Or, in the middle chief an inescutcheon gules charged with a Crown of Charlemagne of the third.

CREST:

Out of a crest coronet Or a cardinal bird wings elevated and addorsed proper.

SUPPORTERS:

Two griffins segreant wings elevated and addorsed Or clawed and langued gules.

MOTTO:

Famam extendimus factis (We extend fame by deeds).

SYMBOLISM

SHIELD:

The two feathers are taken from the Badge of the Prince of Wales to memorialize Prince Frederick, the eldest son of King George II of England, for whom the City of Fredericksburg was named. The feathers are gold for the glory with which Fredericksburg has honored its proud heritage.

The small red shield with a golden Crown of Charlemagne is taken from the arms of the Royal House of Hanover in commemoration of the naming of the early streets of the City for members of that royal family.

The background of the shield is silver, symbolizing the idealism and sacrifice of our Revolutionary War, in recognition of the many patriots which the City of Fredericksburg furnished to that cause.

The blue saltire is from the Battle Flag of the Confederate Army, as a memorial to Fredericksburg's epic role in the War Between the States.

CREST:

The crest is based upon the crest of George Washington, which is a golden coronet with a raven issuing therefrom. Washington's crest has been differenced by replacing the raven with a Cardinal, the official State bird of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City's crest honors both George Washington, its son, and Virginia, its mother.

SUPPORTERS:

The griffin is a fabulous beast which is half eagle and half lion. In these arms it represents the illustrious heritage of Fredericksburg's proud British Colonial past and its great American role of the past, present, and future.

MOTTO:

The motto alludes to the fact that, although stoutly proud of its past, through courage and accomplishment the City of Fredericksburg is a very real part of America's present and future.